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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION BLOC AGREES TO NATIONALIZE GULF AND WESTERN
AMERICAS CORPORATION

1. ON NOV 28, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OPPOSITION BLOC MEETING
IN THEIR SELF-STYLED ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES AGREED THAT WHEN AND IF THE

OPPOSITION COMES TO POWER, IT WILL "IMMEDIATELY ACQUIRE ALL THE PROP-
ERTIES AND SUBSIDIARIES OF GULF AND WESTERN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC."

THE DELEGATES ALSO AGREED THAT ANY SHARES IN DOMINICAN COMPANIES OR
ENTERPRISES OWNED BY GULF AND WESTERN WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE STATE

WHICH IN TURN COULD SELL A MINORITY SHARE OF THEM TO PRIVATE
DOMINICANS.

2. THE APPROVED RESOLUTION CONSTITUTED THE FIRST ITEM OF THE PALTFORM
OF THE OPPOSITION'S GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL DIGNITY UNDER THE CHAPTER
ENTITLED "DEFENSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES."

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A SPOKESMAN OF THE OPPOSITION WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT

DISCUSSION ON THE GULF AND WESTERN RESOLUTION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY
A "UNANIMITY OF UNDERSTANDING."

3. COMMENT: IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE NATIONALIZATION OF GULF
AND WESTERN PROPERTIES IN THE DR COULD RECEIVE SUCH BROAD SUPPORT
ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. COMPOSITION OF THE ASSEMBLY NOW
INCLUDES SIXTEEN OPPOSITION PARTIES OR ORGANIZATIONS RANGING FROM
THE RIGHT (GIAT, UCN, MCN, PQD) TO SEVERAL MARXIST PARTIES ON THE LEFT.

EXPLICIT OPPOSITION SUPPORT OF THIS ANTI-GUL AND WESTERN MEASURE
IS A REFLECTION OF THE WIDESPREAD SENTIMENT IN MANY SECTORS OF
DOMINICAN SOCIETY WHICH HAVE BEEN OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF GULF
AND WESTERN'S SIZE, ACTIVITIES, EXPANSIONIST POLICIES, AND ITS
ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.
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